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SOLAR AND ATLANTIC OCEAN INFLUENCE ON CLIMATE OF FENNOSCANDIA

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ВЛИЯНИЕ СОЛНЕЧНОЙ АКТИВНОСТИ И АТЛАНТИЧЕСКОГО ОКЕАНА НА КЛИМАТ ФЕННОСКАНДИИ

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Восемь прямых и косвенных индексов: (а) летнего климата в Фенноскандии, (б) температуры поверхности океана в северной Атлантике, (в) солнечной активности, исследованы на временном интервале, охватывающем последние 3–4 столетия. Солнечно-климатические корреляции были изучены на различных временных шкалах. Новые свидетельства существования связи между активностью Солнца, температурой воды в северной Атлантике и летней температурой в северной Фенноскандии были получены с использованием новейших палеоданных. Показано, что эта взаимосвязь комплексная, нестабильная и её характер зависит от временной шкалы. Свидетельств влияния солнечной активности на климат восточной Фенноскандии не обнаружено.

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Introduction

Fennoscandia (particularly, its northern part) is a geographic region appropriate for examination of possible solar-climate connection. Actually, this domain is located at high latitudes i.e. (a) in a zone of a low geomagnetic rigidity cutoff where penetration of energetic cosmic ray particles into atmosphere is facilitated and (b) close to the area, affected by stratospheric polar vortex, which likely play important role in the formation of solar activity (SA) effects on the atmospheric circulation [1]. Potential connection between the climate of Northern Fennoscandia (NF) and activity of the Sun has been studied in a number of works [2-5]. The present work is aimed at examination of a link between (a) SA, (b) climate of North Fennoscandia, (c) climate of East Fennoscandia, (d) variations of SST at North Atlantic during the last 300-400 years. The performed analysis included study of correlation:

- (a) between the raw records (ES correlation);
- (b) between records filtered over a century-long scale (periods 53-133), corresponding to the Gleissberg solar cycle (CS correlation);
- (c) between records filtered over high-frequency scale (periods <30 years) corresponding to the Schwabe and Hale solar cycles (HFS correlation).

Data

All the data sets used in analyses: (a) have annual resolution that allows to use them for search of short-term correlations, (b) cover 3-4 last centuries that allows to use them for search of century-long correlations, (c) cover the sector of the Northern Hemisphere of interest for us. They are:

(a) A record of carbon stable isotope ratios $^{13}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$ ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$) measured from tree rings from Northern Fennoscandia (NF) and covering the time interval 1600-2002 AD [6].

(b) A record of carbon stable isotope ratios $^{13}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$ measured from tree rings from Eastern Fennoscandia (EF) and covering time interval 1600-2002 AD [6].

(c) A reconstructed record of SST in the North Atlantic (0–70° N) obtained by Gray et al. [7] (SST-Gray) using twelve tree-ring series;

(d) A reconstructed record of AMO obtained by Mann et al. [8] (AMO-Mann) using more than 1138 time series (tree-rings, ice-core, corals, speleothems etc.);

(e) A reconstructed record of July and August average daily sunshine hours (NFSunsh) based on the stable carbon isotope ratios $^{13}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$ measured from pine tree rings from Northern Fennoscandia [9].

(f) Instrumental sunspot number S_N during AD 1700–1995 [10].

(g) Solar modulation potential Φ_{NGRIP} (MV) calculated by Ogurtsov [11] using data on flux of ^{10}Be measured from an ice core from North Greenland (NGRIP core) by Berggren et al. (2009);

(h) Solar modulation potential Φ_{Dye3} (MV) calculated by Ogurtsov [11] using data on flux of ^{10}Be measured from an ice core from South Greenland (Dye-3 core) by Beer et al. (1994).

Results

Results of correlation analysis, performed over AD 1716-1985 are generalized in Tables 1. In the Table we use small letters E, H, C if the corresponding

Table 3. Correlations over AD 1716-1985.

	Φ (NGRIP)	Φ (Dye-3)	SST (Gray)	AMO (Mann)	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (NF)	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (EF)	S_N	NFSunsh
Φ (NGRIP)		EH	EH	EC	EHC		EHC	C
Φ (Dye-3)			H				EHC	
SST (Gray)				EHC	EH	EHC	E	EHC
AMO (Mann)					C			EC
$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (NF)						EH	EH	EHC
$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (EF)								EH
S_N								H
NFSunsh								

Correlation analysis, performed over AD 1600-1985 brought similar results.

ES, HFS and CS correlations are significant at a 0.90-0.95 confidence level (c.l.). If the significance exceeds 0.95 c.l. we use large letters. The significance of correlation between records (both raw and filtered) was estimated using a numerical random-phase test, which included a number of Monte Carlo simulations.

Conclusion

Analyses of the solar and climatic records showed that:

1) Solar activity actually influences climate of Northern Fennoscandia during the last 3-4 centuries. Character of solar-climatic link, however, varies with time. In a few cases effect weakens when we use novel and, likely, improved solar indexes (SN, Φ_{NGRIP} , Φ_{Dye3}).

2) Solar activity actually influences sea surface temperature at North Atlantic during the last 3-4 centuries. Character of this link also is not stable.

3) Solar-climatic link over the Northern Fennoscandian region most probably is mediated by a number of processes in the system ocean-atmosphere.

4) Connection between activity of the Sun and climate at Fennoscandia has a regional-scale distribution.

The obtained results shows need of further efforts in solar paleoastrophysics and paleoclimatology.

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